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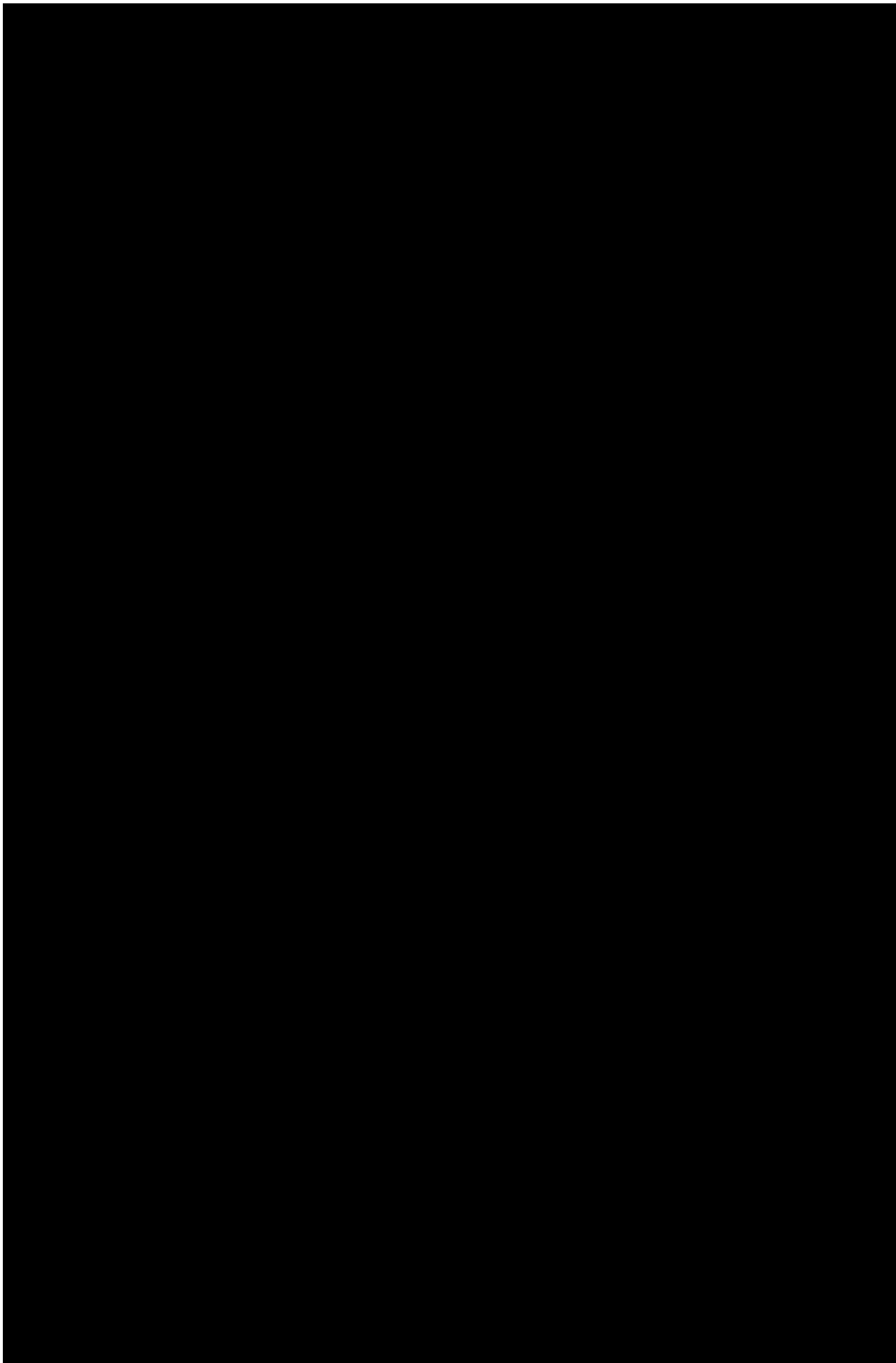
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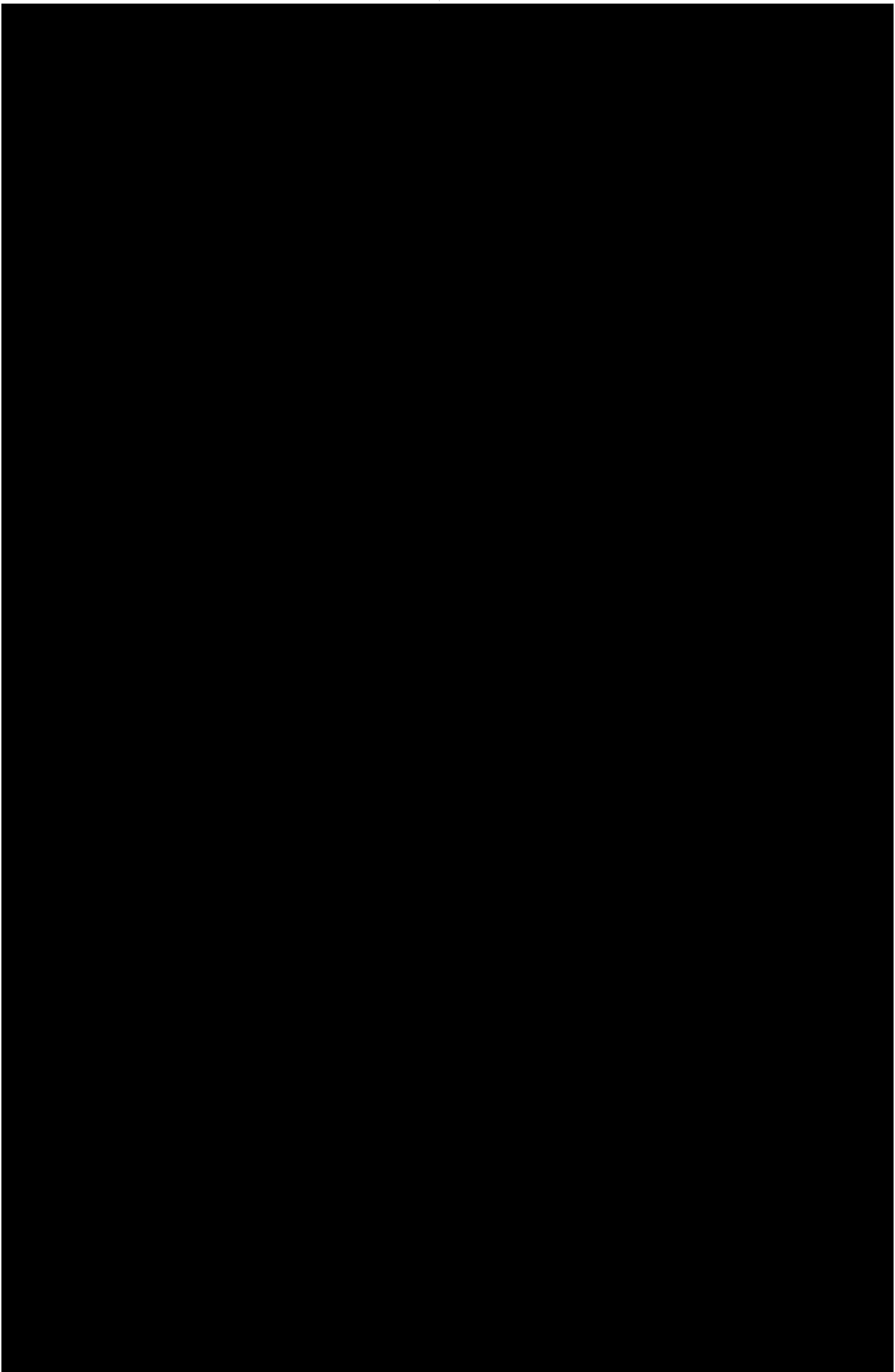
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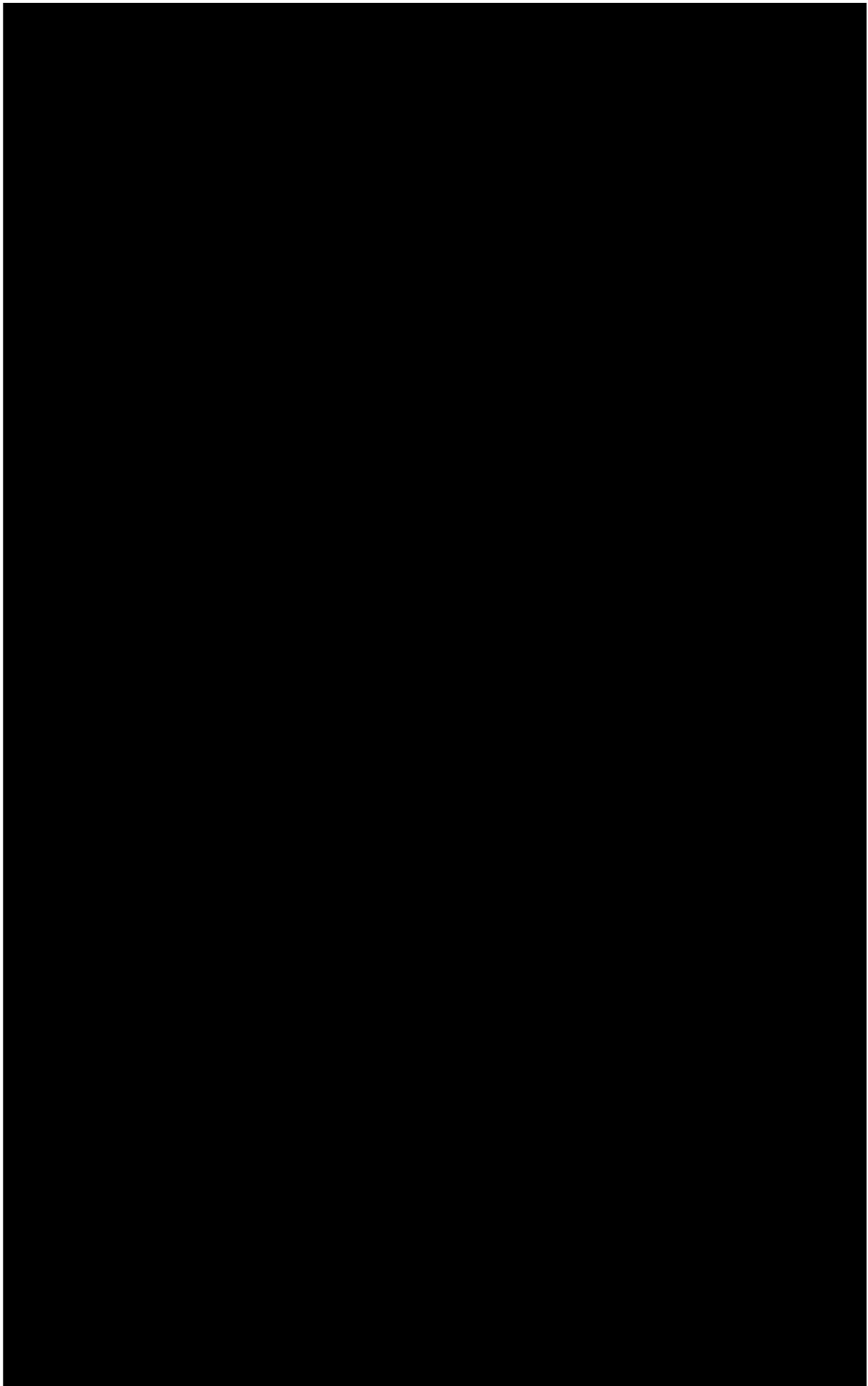
British security forces on Cyprus have recently found evidence that EOKA, the Greek Cypriot underground organization, is preparing to break the seven-month truce if the UN debate on Cyprus does not meet the demands of Greek Cypriots for self-determination. Rumors continue that Turkish Cypriots may be arming, and new violence by EOKA could thus lead to intercommunal strife. The attitude of the Greek government toward a Cyprus settlement has reportedly hardened

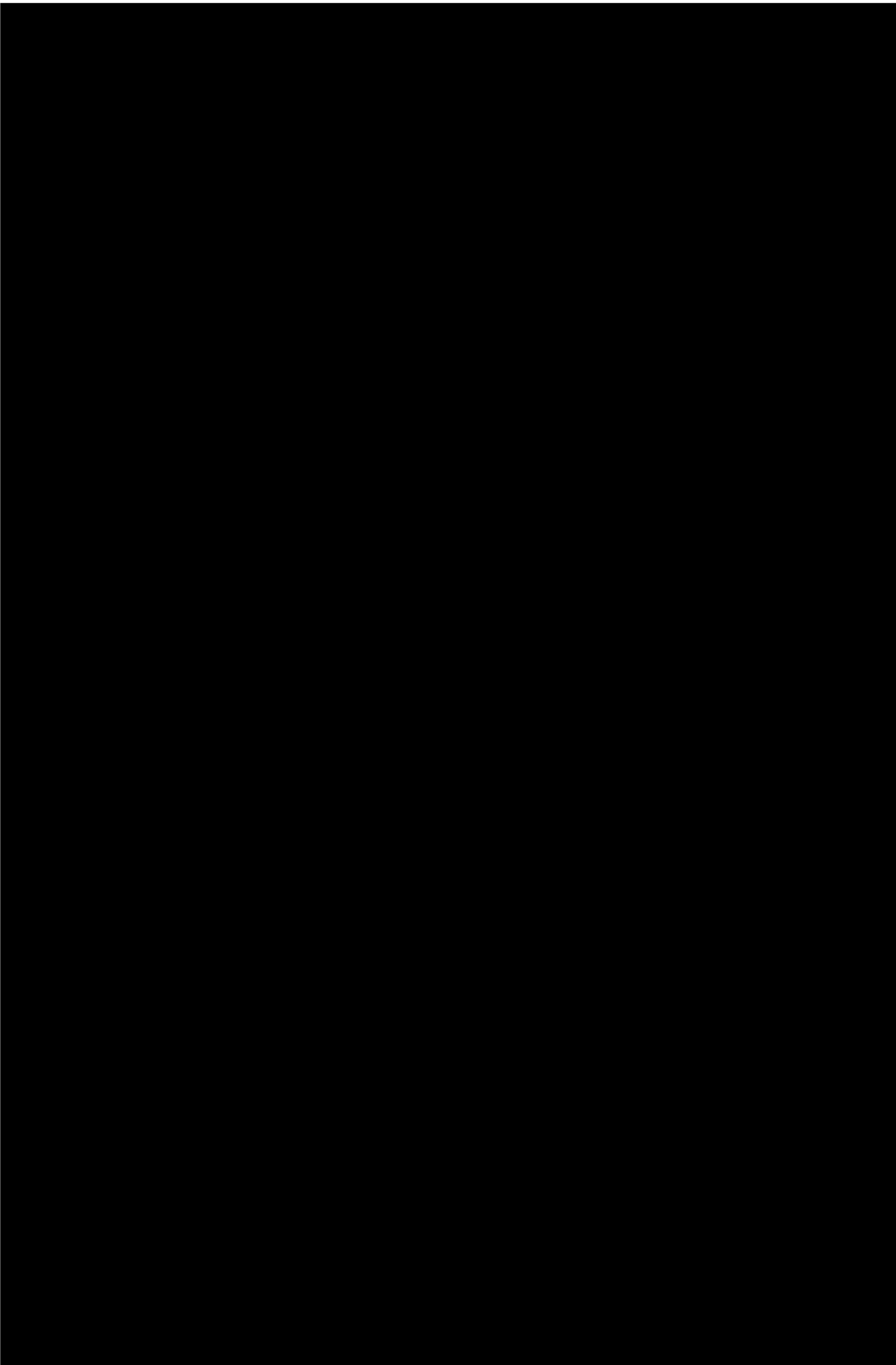
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British security forces on Cyprus have recently found evidence that the Greek Cypriot underground organization, EOKA, is preparing to break the seven-month truce on the island if the UN debate later this fall does not meet the demands of Greek Cypriots for self-determination. Documents discovered in an EOKA establishment in September and information recently volunteered by a defected prominent member of EOKA have supported a British assessment that "spectacular damage" could be done in the initial stages of terrorist attacks. British authorities say, however, that security forces could control the situation and would eventually destroy the Cypriot underground.

In Athens, Foreign Minister Averoff has commented that Greece now will "inevitably" take a firmer position regarding a Cyprus settlement as a result of the Labor party's declaration. Since both the political leaders and the press in Greece anticipate a Labor victory in the next British general elections, the Karamanlis government would be faced with strong internal opposition if it settled for less than the solution of the Cyprus issue proposed by the Labor party.

Rumors continue that Turkish Cypriots may be building up secret arms caches. Although leaders in Athens and among the Greek Cypriots have previously accused the Turks on the mainland of supplying these weapons, the Turkish newspapers have only

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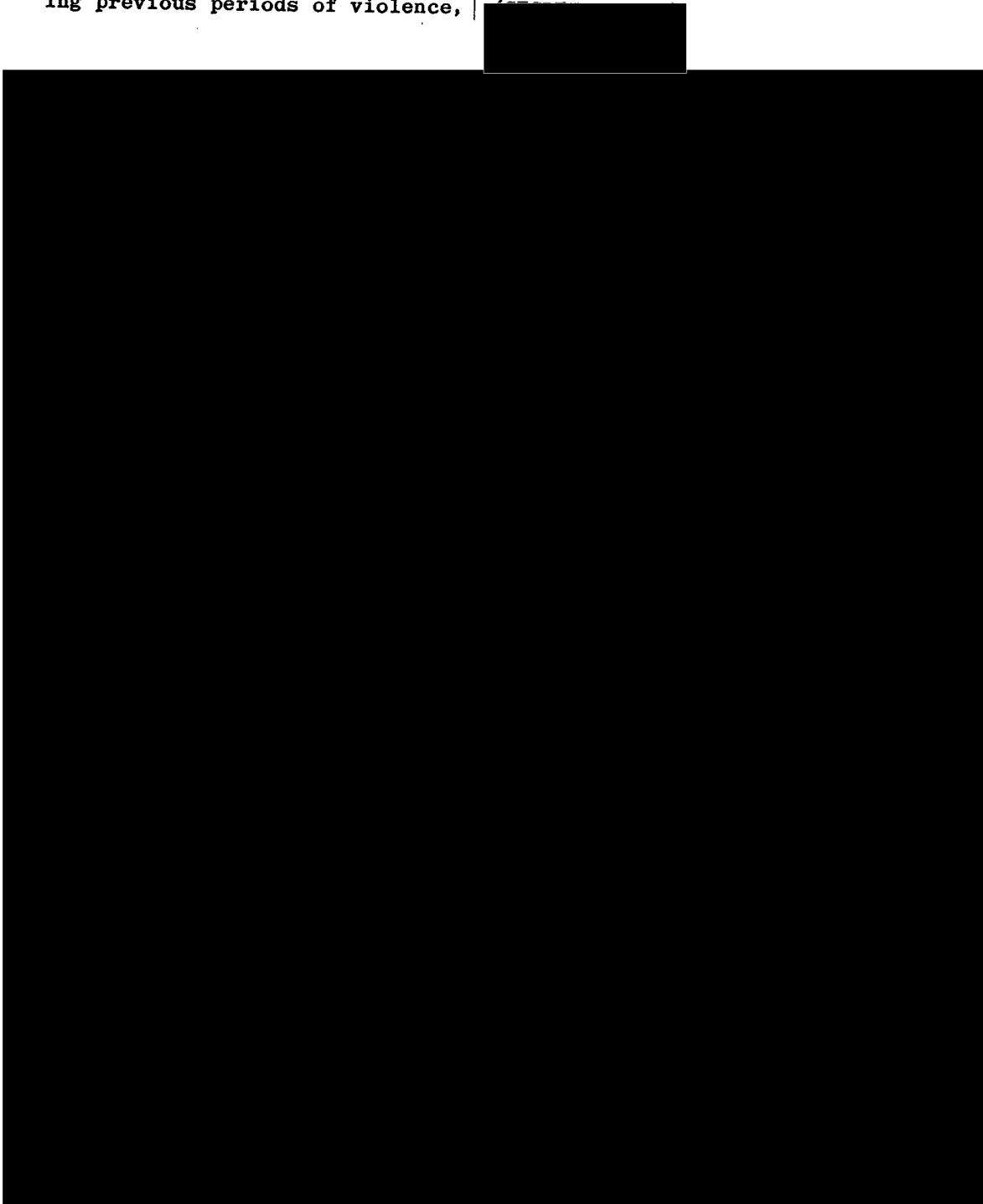
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recently indicated that these accusations may be true. Whereas few incidents between Turkish and Greek Cypriots occurred during previous periods of violence,

dangerous intercommunal strife is likely if the Greek Cypriot extremists again engage in widespread acts of terrorism.



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